

who have fallen in the line of duty over the past twenty-two months.

Police officers undertake a solemn oath to protect and serve their fellow citizens and, if necessary, sacrifice their lives to fulfill this duty. The following seven brave individuals—Officer Charles Andrew Lazzaretto, Officer Van Derrick Johnson, Deputy Sheriff Shayne Daniel York, Deputy Sheriff Michael Lee Hoenig, Police Officer Steven Gerald Gajda, Officer Filbert Cuesta, and Ventura County Senior Deputy Lisa D. Whitney—have paid the ultimate price for the preservation of public safety and civility in the cities of my district.

Selflessly, they dedicated their lives to protecting others and serving our communities. Like their colleagues across the country, they carried out their duties each day with courage and honor. Without trepidation, they confronted the dangers inherent in their line of work and ultimately gave their lives in the service of our community. To these brave souls we extend our gratitude. To their families, we extend our most heartfelt sympathies and appreciation. Their memories will linger in our hearts. Their sacrifices have not been in vain.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, please join me in remembering these seven members of the law enforcement community who, like so many others before them, have given their lives to protect others, doing so with unrivaled courage, valor, and honor.

COMMEMORATING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEAPACK REFORMED CHURCH

HON. MICHAEL PAPPAS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the congregation of Peapack Reformed Church as they celebrate their 150th anniversary.

The church is part of the Dutch Reformed Church in the U.S.A., the oldest Protestant denomination in this country founded when the Dutch settled in New Amsterdam. Peapack Reformed Church originally met in meeting houses throughout the Peapack-Gladstone area until they built and moved into their present church building.

The congregation is a small, close-knit community, dedicated to each other as well as to those in their surrounding area. They have an annual, "Community Day," a day when the honor the people of the Peapack-Gladstone community-at-large. The day features historical tours, a barbeque and events for the children of the community. The church also hosts two events every year in order to raise money for the Central New Jersey Visiting Nurses Association.

I wish to congratulate the congregation of Peapack Reformed Church for 150 years of serving the cause of Christ in central New Jersey. It is my honor to have this church within the borders of the twelfth congressional district and I wish them well in their desire to continue for another 150 years.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY TO INVESTIGATE WHETHER SUFFICIENT GROUNDS EXIST FOR THE IMPEACHMENT OF WILLIAM JEFFERSON CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBBIE STABENOW

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. Speaker, today, Members of the United States House of Representatives will make a critical decision affecting the lives of the people we represent. Men and women, young and old, who work hard every day and care about their families want us to deal with President Clinton's irresponsible behavior and lack of truthfulness in a fair and responsible manner. And, they want us to do so as quickly as possible so that we can return to the important issues affecting their families. They also want us to rise above partisan self-interest and do what's best for the country—not as Democrats and Republicans, but as Americans.

I am deeply concerned that this Congress will not meet that test today. We have two proposals before us. The question is not whether or not to proceed, but how to proceed. One proposal gives us the opportunity to come together in a bipartisan way and vote to begin an inquiry into impeachment on the issues raised in the Starr Report, and to bring this inquiry to conclusion by the end of this year.

The Republican alternative is an open-ended, unchecked process that could continue throughout the next Congress with no requirement to limit its focus on the issues formally presented by the Special Prosecutor. In all good conscience, I cannot endorse this process since I sincerely do not believe it is in our nation's best interest. It is not in the interests of the families I represent to put our country in suspended animation for months and months when we have the ability to bring this to a responsible conclusion this year.

I, therefore, intend to support the proposal to proceed with an impeachment inquiry with a deadline of December 31, 1998. This motions allows an extension of the deadline if an extension is supported by the evidence. But, most importantly, the proposal I support does not allow millions of dollars and hours to be spent without any accountability for timely results.

I believe the American people deserve no less from us. We must address this crisis fairly and responsibly and get back to the people's business. I implore my Republican colleagues to join us and to join America in a process of which we can all be proud.

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SPEECH OF

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, October 8, 1998

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, throughout this whole unseemly matter, I have tried desperately to cling to the dignity of the instruction of the Constitution to guide my actions. I have carefully weighed the evidence we have seen so far: the Referral from the Office of Independent Counsel (OIC), the President's taped testimony, and the reams of evidence in support of the OIC Referral. As a grand juror in this process, evaluating the evidence carefully, and privately, is consistent with my constitutional role.

Today, the House allows the Judiciary Committee to move forward on the investigatory phase of the impeachment process. We are not voting on impeachment; that is the duty of the Senate. We are not quite yet to the actual grand jury phase of this process; we are at the point where Congress' prosecutors and investigators are asking to complete that part of the Constitutional obligation. My vote today is based on only what the OIC has referred to us.

It is important to complete the process. We should be fair. We have yet to see witnesses deposed or cross-examined, nor weighed additional evidence. Today the House has a choice, to investigate only what the OIC referred to us and be finished by the end of the year, or to continue the steady drumbeat of those things already investigated by the FBI, the OIC and the Congress. There is no need for such a shotgun approach.

Today's vote is in deference to the Constitution. No one will report this, but that Constitutional deference should be the single most important point made in analyzing Democratic votes on either plan to continue the investigation. The House vote to analyze, for those who wish to do that, is the next full House vote; that will speak to the actual question of impeachment.

My votes today, for democratic alternative and in opposition to the Republican plan, are an indication that what we have received from OIC may be sufficient for the inquiry. Again, remember, this was not a vote on the question of impeachment, it is a vote for the HJC to proceed with the inquiry. The next possible action by the House will be any action we may take on actually referring articles of impeachment to the Senate. The final question of impeachment rests with the Senate.

MEDICAL OPTICAL SIGNAL PROCESSOR

HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, October 10, 1998

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a new technology called the